

COURT UNDER ANY LAW, RULE, OR ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IN EQUITY, A DECLARATION OF PATERNITY IN AN ORDER IS FINAL.

(B) OTHER ORDERS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

EXCEPT FOR A DECLARATION OF PATERNITY, THE COURT MAY MODIFY OR SET ASIDE ANY ORDER OR PART OF AN ORDER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS THE COURT CONSIDERS JUST AND PROPER IN LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 16, § 66H(g).

In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "modify or set aside" is substituted for the former phrase "annul, vary or modify", for clarity and brevity.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "from time to time thereafter", which formerly modified the court's power to modify, is deleted as unnecessary.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "also in accordance with the power of modification as provided in § 66 of this article" is deleted as unnecessary.

5-1039. FINDING FOR ALLEGED FATHER.

(A) AUTHORITY OF THE COURT.

IF THE COURT OR JURY, AS APPROPRIATE, FINDS THAT THE ALLEGED FATHER IS NOT THE FATHER, THE COURT MAY:

(1) RETAIN JURISDICTION; AND

(2) ON ITS OWN MOTION OR OTHERWISE, TAKE ANY FURTHER PROCEEDING THAT THE COURT CONSIDERS JUST AND PROPER AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.

(B) FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY:

(1) ENTER AN APPROPRIATE ORDER AGAINST THE MOTHER FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CHILD;

(2) ALLOW THE IMPLEADER OR JOINDER OF ANY OTHER ALLEGED FATHER; OR

(3) CONSIDER ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.